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Elder: David Herman (5:00)
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WELCOME to those visiting us this Lord's Day. It is our joy to have you worshipping with us. We invite you to come again and worship the Lord.

FELLOWSHIP DIRECTORY ~ Everyone, please sign in!

AS WE GATHER ~ As we reach the end of the Church Year, there is a heightened sense of urgency in all the Readings, hymns, and other propers. These remind us that Christ will certainly come again, that this return draws closer with each passing day, and that we do not know when that day will be. Therefore, we are to be ready and prepared for Jesus to come again—and to meet Him at our own death. Paul, in writing to the Thessalonians in the Epistle, warns that "the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night" (1 Thessalonians 5:2). Paul warns against complacency, exhibited by those who say, "There is peace and security" (v. 3). In the Gospel, Jesus tells the parable of the talents, warning again that we do not know when He, the master, will return; the precious gift of faith must be invested in His means of grace now (Matthew 25:14–30). In the Old Testament Reading, the prophet Zephaniah warns about complacency and misjudging God's character, so that he can point us to God's true nature: "a mighty one who will save" (Zephaniah 3:17).

PRELUDE ***The Clouds of Judgment Gather*** **(Culli/Blersch)**

GREETING AND RINGING OF THE BELLS

♪ OPENING HYMN ↓ ***The Clouds of Judgment Gather*** ***LSB*** **513**

1 - The clouds of judgment gather, the time is growing late;
Be sober and be watchful, our judge is at the gate:
The judge who comes in mercy, the judge who comes in might
To put an end to evil and diadem the right.

2 - Arise, O true disciples; let wrong give way to right,
And penitential shadow to Jesus' blessed light;
The light that has no evening, that knows no moon or sun,
The light so new and golden, the light that is but one.

3 - The home of fadeless splendor, of blooms that bear no thorn,
Where they shall dwell as children who here as exiles mourn;
The peace of all the faithful, the calm of all the blest,
Inviolate, unfading, divinest, sweetest, best.

4 - Oh, happy, holy portion, relief for all distressed,
True vision of true beauty, refreshment for the blest!
Strive now to win that glory, toil now to gain that light;
Send hope ahead to grasp it till hope be lost in sight.



CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION



INVOCATION ~ page 184 ↑

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.
People: Amen. (Matthew 28:19)

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION ~ page 184 ↑

Pastor: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness. (Hebrews 10:22)

Pastor: Our help is in the name of the Lord,
People: who made heaven and earth. (Psalm 124:8)

Pastor: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
People: and You forgave the iniquity of my sin. (Psalm 32:5)

Pastor: O almighty God, merciful Father,
People: I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

Pastor: Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.
People: Amen. (John 20:19-23)



SERVICE OF THE WORD



INTROIT FOR THE DAY ↑ (Psalm 143:2, 5–6, 10–11; antiphon: v. 1)

Pastor: Hear my prayer, O Lord; give ear to my pleas for mercy! In your faithfulness answer me, in your righteousness!

Pastor: Enter not into judgment with your servant, for no one living is righteous before you.

People: I remember the days of old; I meditate on all that you have done; I ponder the work of your hands.

Pastor: I stretch out my hands to you; my soul thirsts for you like a parched land.

People: Teach me to do your will, for you are my God! Let your good Spirit lead me on level ground!

Pastor: For your name's sake, O Lord, preserve my life! In your righteousness bring my soul out of trouble!

♪ GLORIA PATRI ~ page 186 ↑

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

♪ KYRIE ~ *Lord Have Mercy* ~ page 186 ↑

Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

♪ GLORIA IN EXCELSIS ~ *Glory to God in the Highest* ~ page 187 ↑

Pastor: Glory be to God on high:

People: And on earth peace, good will toward men.
We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee,
We glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.
O Lord God, heav'nly King, God the Father Almighty.
O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
That takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.
Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer.
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.
For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord.
Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost,
Art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

COLLECT OF THE DAY ~ page 189 ↑

Pastor: The Lord be with you. (2 Timothy 4:22)

People: And with thy spirit.

Pastor: Let us pray.
Almighty and ever-living God,
You have given exceedingly great and precious promises
to those who trust in You.
Dispel from us the works of darkness
and grant us to live in the light of Your Son, Jesus Christ,
that our faith may never be found wanting;
through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord,
who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING ↓ **Zephaniah 1:7-16 *(ESV)***

7 Be silent before the Lord God!
For the day of the Lord is near;
the Lord has prepared a sacrifice
and consecrated his guests.
8 And on the day of the Lord's sacrifice—
"I will punish the officials and the king's sons
and all who array themselves in foreign attire.
9 On that day I will punish
everyone who leaps over the threshold,
and those who fill their master's house
with violence and fraud.
10 "On that day," declares the Lord,
"a cry will be heard from the Fish Gate,
a wail from the Second Quarter,
a loud crash from the hills.
11 Wail, O inhabitants of the Mortar!
For all the traders are no more;
all who weigh out silver are cut off.
12 At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps,
and I will punish the men
who are complacent,
those who say in their hearts,

‘The Lord will not do good,
nor will he do ill.’
13Their goods shall be plundered,
and their houses laid waste.
Though they build houses,
they shall not inhabit them;
though they plant vineyards,
they shall not drink wine from them.”
14The great day of the Lord is near,
near and hastening fast;
the sound of the day of the Lord is bitter;
the mighty man cries aloud there.
15A day of wrath is that day,
a day of distress and anguish,
a day of ruin and devastation,
a day of darkness and gloom,
a day of clouds and thick darkness,
16a day of trumpet blast and battle cry
against the fortified cities
and against the lofty battlements.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE READING ↓ **1 Thessalonians 5:1-11 *(ESV)***

1Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers, you have no need to have anything written to you. 2For you yourselves are fully aware that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. 3While people are saying, “There is peace and security,” then sudden destruction will come upon them as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and they will not escape. 4But you are not in darkness, brothers, for that day to surprise you like a thief. 5For you are all children of light, children of the day. We are not of the night or of the darkness. 6So then let us not sleep, as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober. 7For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk, are drunk at night. 8But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, having put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. 9For God has not destined us for wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, 10who died

for us so that whether we are awake or asleep we might live with him. 11Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

♪ ALLELUIA ~ page 190 ↑
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL READING ↑ **Matthew 25:14-30 *(ESV)***

Lector: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-fifth chapter.
♪ People: Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

14[Jesus said:] “For it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted to them his property. 15To one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. 16He who had received the five talents went at once and traded with them, and he made five talents more. 17So also he who had the two talents made two talents more. 18But he who had received the one talent went and dug in the ground and hid his master’s money. 19Now after a long time the master of those servants came and settled accounts with them. 20And he who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five talents more, saying, ‘Master, you delivered to me five talents; here I have made five talents more.’ 21His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.’ 22And he also who had the two talents came forward, saying, ‘Master, you delivered to me two talents; here I have made two talents more.’ 23His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.’ 24He also who had received the one talent came forward, saying, ‘Master, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you scattered no seed, 25so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.’ 26But his master answered him, ‘You wicked and slothful servant! You knew that I reap where I have not sowed and gather where I scattered no seed? 27Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and at my coming I should have received what was my own with interest. 28So take the talent from him and give it to him who has the ten talents. 29For to everyone who has will more be given, and he will have an abundance. But from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away. 30And cast the worthless servant into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’”

Lector: This is the Gospel of the Lord.
♪ People: Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

APOSTLES' CREED ~ page 192 ↑

I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty.
From thence he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life † everlasting. Amen.

♪ HYMN OF THE DAY ↓ ***The Day Is Surely Drawing Near*** ***LSB* 508**

1 - The day is surely drawing near when Jesus, God's anointed,
In all His power shall appear as judge whom God appointed.
Then fright shall banish idle mirth, and flames on flames shall ravage earth
As Scripture long has warned us.

2 - The final trumpet then shall sound and all the earth be shaken,
And all who rest beneath the ground shall from their sleep awaken.
But all who live will in that hour, by God's almighty, boundless pow'r,
Be changed at His commanding.

3 - The books are opened then to all, a record truly telling
What each has done, both great and small, when he on earth was dwelling,
And ev'ry heart be clearly seen, and all be known as they have been
In thoughts and words and actions.

4 - Then woe to those who scorned the Lord and sought but carnal pleasures,
Who here despised His precious Word and loved their earthly treasures!

With shame and trembling they will stand and at the judge's stern command
To Satan be delivered.

5 - My Savior paid the debt I owe and for my sin was smitten;
Within the Book of Life I know my name has now been written.
I will not doubt, for I am free, and Satan cannot threaten me;
There is no condemnation!

6 - May Christ our intercessor be and through His blood and merit
Read from his book that we are free with all who life inherit.
Then we shall see Him face to face, with all His saints in that blest place
Which He has purchased for us.

7 - O Jesus Christ, do not delay, but hasten our salvation;
We often tremble on our way in fear and tribulation
O hear and grant our fervent plea: come, mighty judge, and set us free
From death and ev'ry evil.

SERMON ↓ ***Weeping or Joy***

Pastor: The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus. (Philippians 4:7)

People: Amen.

♪ OFFERTORY ~ page 192 ↑ (Psalm 51:10-12)

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.
Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH ↑

Pastor: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

WE PRAY FOR…

Pastor: Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: Amen.

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

We welcome the opportunity to explain what we believe, teach and confess regarding the Lord's Supper. In order not to impose those beliefs on you, we ask that if you are not a member of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, you would speak with a Pastor before receiving Holy Communion.

♪ PREFACE ~ page 194 ↑

Pastor: The Lord be with you. (2 Timothy 4:22)
People: And with thy spirit.
Pastor: Lift up your hearts. (Colossians 3:1)
People: We lift them up unto the Lord.
Pastor: Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God. (Psalm 136)
People: It is meet and right so to do.
Pastor: It is truly meet, right and salutary…..evermore praising You and saying:

♪ SANCTUS ~ page 195 ↑

Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth; heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is He, blessed is He, blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest. (Isaiah 6:3, Matthew 21:9)

LORD'S PRAYER ~ page 196 ↑

Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be Thy name,
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done on earth
as it is in heaven;
give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom
and the power and the glory
forever and ever. Amen. (Matthew 6:9-13)

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD ~ page 197 ↑ (Matthew 26; Mark 14; Luke 22; 1 Corinthians 11)

Pastor: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread; and, when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples, and said: "Take, eat; this is My † body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My † blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

♪ PAX DOMINI ~ *The Peace of the Lord* ~ page 197 ↑

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.
People: Amen. (John 20:19)

♪ AGNUS DEI ~ *Lamb of God* ~ page 198 ↑

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world,
Have mercy on us.
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world,
Have mercy on us.
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world,
Grant us Thy peace. Amen. (John 1:29)

♪ DISTRIBUTION ↓ (CLS hymn of the month) ***Thank the Lord*** ***LSB* page 181**

Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev'ry-one what He has done.
Let ev'ry-one who seeks the Lord rejoice and proudly bear His name.
He recalls His promises and leads His people forth in joy with shouts of thanksgiving.
Alleluia, alleluia.

Rise, My Soul, to Watch and Pray ***LSB* 663**

1- Rise, my soul, to watch and pray; from your sleep awaken!
Be not by the evil day unawares o'er-taken;
For the foe, well we know, is a harvest reaping while the saints are sleeping.

2 - Watch against the devil's snares lest asleep he find you;
For indeed no pains he spares to deceive and blind you.
Satan's prey oft are they who secure are sleeping and no watch are keeping.

3 - Watch! Let not the wicked world with its lies defeat you

Lest with bold deceptions hurled it betray and cheat you.
Watch and see lest there be faithless friends to charm you, who but seek to harm you.

4 - Watch against yourself, my soul, lest with grace you trifle;
Let not self your thoughts control nor God's mercy stifle.
Pride and sin lurk within, all your hopes to shatter; heed not when they flatter.

5 - But while watching, also pray to the Lord unceasing.
God protects you day by day, strength and faith increasing.
So that still mind and will shall unite to serve Him and forever love Him.

Lord of Our Life ***LSB* 659**

1 - Lord of our life and God of our salvation,
Star of our night and hope of ev'ry nation:
Hear and receive Your Church's supplication, Lord God Almighty.

2 - See round Your ark the hungry billows curling;
See how Your foes their banners are unfurling
And with great spite their fiery darts are hurling, O Lord, preserve us.

3 - Lord, be our light when worldly darkness veils us;
Lord, be our shield when earthly armor fails us;
And in the day when hell itself assails us, grant us Your peace, Lord:

4 - Peace in our hearts, where sinful thoughts are raging,
Peace in Your Church, our troubled souls assuaging,
Peace when the world its endless war is waging, peace in Your heaven.

BLESSING ↑

Pastor: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart † in peace.
People: Amen.

♪ NUNC DIMITTIS ~ *Song of Simeon* ~ page 199 ↑ (Luke 2:29-32)

Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy word,
For mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,
Which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people,
A light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of Thy people Israel.
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

♪ THANKSGIVING ~ page 200 ↑

Pastor: O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,
People: and His mercy endureth forever. (Psalm 107:1)

POST COMMUNION COLLECT ~ page 201 ↑

Pastor: O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
♪ People: Amen.

♪ SALUTATION AND BENEDICAMUS ~ page 202 ↑

Pastor: The Lord be with you. (2 Timothy 4:22)
People: And with thy spirit.
Pastor: Bless we the Lord. (Psalm 103:1)
People: Thanks be to God.

♪ BENEDICTION ~ page 202 ↑

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and † give you peace.
People: Amen, amen, amen. (Numbers 6:24-26)

♪ CLOSING HYMN ↑ ***Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus*** ***LSB* 660**

1 - Stand up, stand up for Jesus, ye soldiers of the cross.
Lift high His royal banner; it must not suffer loss.
From vict'ry unto vict'ry His army He shall lead
Till ev'ry foe is vanquished, and Christ is Lord indeed.

2 - Stand up, stand up for Jesus; the trumpet call obey;
Stand forth in mighty conflict in this His glorious day.
Let all His faithful serve Him against unnumbered foes;
Let courage rise with danger and strength to strength oppose.

3 - Stand up, stand up for Jesus; stand in His strength alone,

The arm of flesh will fail you, ye dare not trust your own.
Put on the Gospel armor; each piece put on with prayer,
Where duty calls or danger, be never wanting there.

4 - Stand up, stand up for Jesus; the strife will not be long;
This day the din of battle, the next the victor's song.
The soldiers, overcoming, their crown of life shall see
And with the King of Glory shall reign eternally.

POSTLUDE ***The Day Is Surely Drawing Near*** **(Pachelbel)**